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Editor

PARKSBURG (Chester Co.) - Comradery, beautiful cows, contrasting management styles and operational goals, and did I mention comradery?

This summary gives both the subjective and objective sides of the Chester County Holstein tour Tuesday. We left the Samuel Stoltzfus farm at about 8:10 a.m., a little late because the bus motor spewed antifreeze water all over the farm driveway and the driver couldn't decide if it was serious or what. But finally bus officials concluded it was only an over-fill of water and nothing serious. And we had no further trouble with the

bus the rest of the day, so they were right.

First stop was at the Horace Hiendel Farm in York County where the huge new dairy complex houses 200 cows in a tie-stall barn that gives the impression when you walk in that you have cows as far as the eye can see. Fancy Brown Swiss cows line both sides of the barn as you enter. They also have a few Jerseys, but mostly Registered Holsteins that include Bellwood, Formation Celcius, and Patron. An evaporating cooling system helps maintain cow comfort and their 25,700lb. herd average.

Of special interest was the new farm store and small pro-

## Chester Holstein Club Tour Visits York, M



Lady's Manor AB Star Sara EX-92 greets the Chester County tour group in her work clothes. Sara is the dam of the Sascha bull that was also seen at the farm and is currently leased by ABS.



Five-year-old Jason Cooper helps his parents, Scott and April Cooper, show the tour group their Excellent Mena cow. Mena is milking as an 11-year-old, after starting at 1-11y. She has a total of seven finished lactations to 34,061m 1,208f 1,047p.

cessing plant where they will open next week to sell locally the milk from the Brown Swiss cows. The tour made an extra stop just to see the nearly completed retail operation. In addition, Hiendel Farm feeds out 1,000 steers per year.

At the Edwin Johnson farm at Airville, they have six cow families that have top production and type. Under their Hickorymea prefix they have been breeding polled Holsteins for more than 30 years. Of special interest on the brochure of the farm is Hickorymea Leader GYP P 2E with a lifetime of 122,480m 4486f 3997p. Nine polled bulls are currently or soon will be available from U.S. studs from Hickorymea cow

families. This down-to-earth farm herd is noted for beautiful uddered cows.

At Scott and April Cooper's farm they milk 73 cows that average 3x 28,850m 1,022f 917p. The farm of 120 acres was purchased in 1967 by Scott's parents. In December 1998 Scott and April purchased the farm. After developing groups of registered Holsteins from My Lady's Manor, Fultonway, and Pep-L-Lea, the current herd has 31 cows over 30,000m with 11 cows over 40,000m. Eleven cows have lifetime milk totals of 100,000 and 5 are over 200,000m lifetime. Classification is BAA 105.7 with 1 EX and 28VG. They have received the Holstein Association's PBR award for the

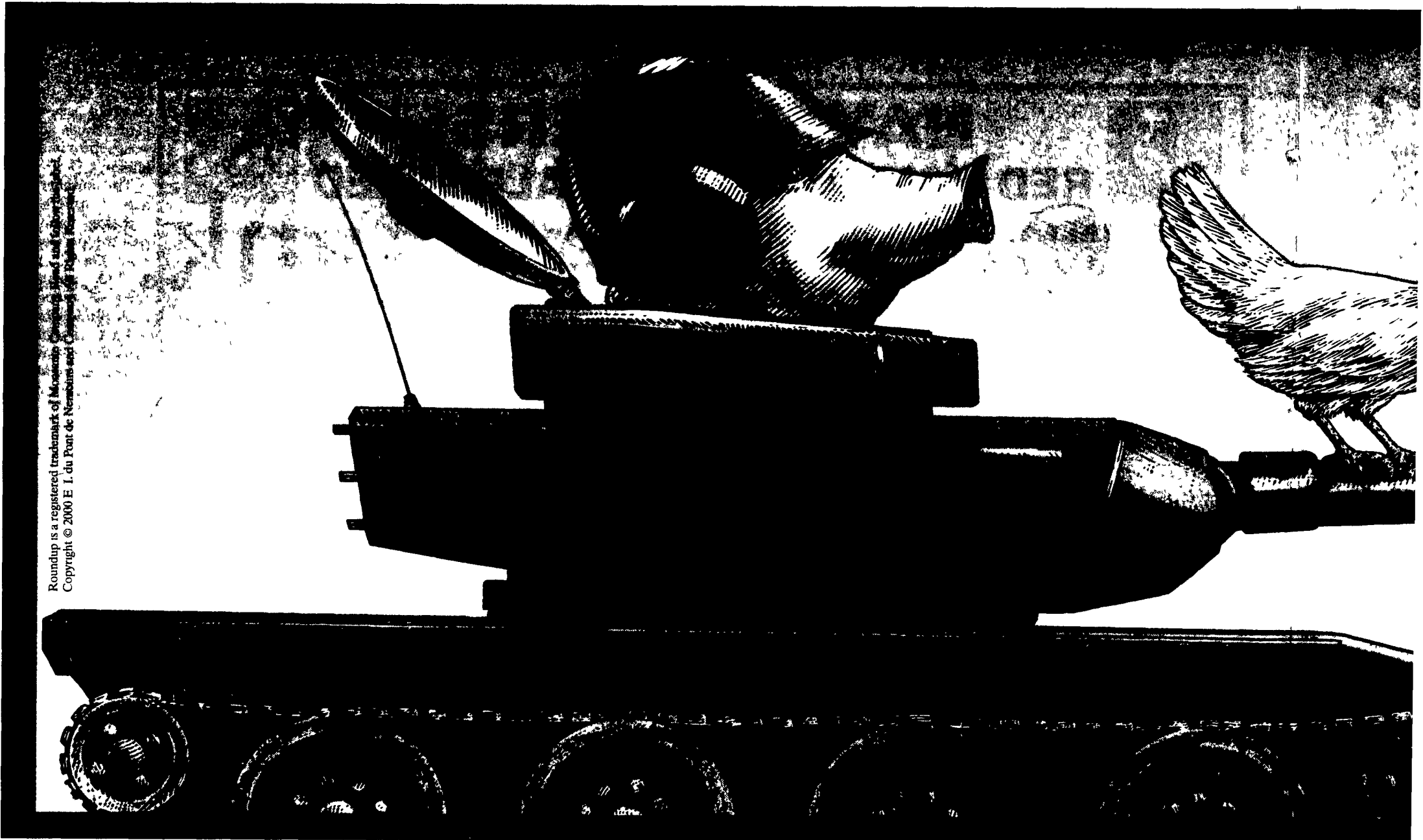
last 7 years. Their prefix is Appealing Holsteins.

My Lady Manor Farm, home of many well-known Maryland State and National show winners was the next stop. Beautiful 94 point cows along with grand champion younger cows, made an especially impressive stop for the Chester County breeders. Housed in a freestall environment these cows look wonderful even in their work clothes.

The first animal to greet the tour group (of course he was in a strong enclosure) was the huge Lady's Manor Sascha bull who is currently leased by ABS and housed at My Lady's Manor. Sascha is out of Lady's Manor AB Star Sara EX92, and Aeros-



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